strategy, rationalise tariff, prioritise the project portfolio, and urgently fulfill the unmet needs of railway safety". The composition and detailed terms of reference of the proposed Commission are under consideration of Government.

Case about carrying of Coal, Timber detected by Railway Vigilance

1016. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA:
SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of carrying of coal, timber and such other commercial articles from North East in excess of the declared quantity detected by the railway and other vigilance agencies during the last five years, till February 15, 2000;

(b) the item-wise quantity and financial involvement, amount of fine imposed on private parties and public authorities responsible therefor; and

(c) the amount of demurrage collected from FCI and the amount of compensation paid by the Railways on account of delayed unloading and theft cases, respectively in North-East during that period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) 346 (Three Hundred Forty Six).

Break-up is as under:

Coal	Timber	Stone chips	Total
63	282	1	346

(b)

Item	Quantity (in tonnes)	Amount of fine imposed and collected from public and private parties.
Coal	15208.4*	Rs. 5,78,26,599#
Timber	Not available	Rs. 23,47,836
Stone Chips	89.9	Rs. 1,14,181

*Excess weight of 55 rakes only. Excess weight in respect of 8 rakes is not available.
#Includes amount of fine imposed on the 8 rakes also.

(c) (i) Amount of demurrage collected from FCI on N.F. Railway Rs. 28,00,40,910

(ii) Amount of Compensation paid by N.F. Railways:

On accounts of delayed unloading	On account of theft cases
Nil	Rs. 91,312

Protest against merger of Waltair division

1017. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a protest against the merger of Waltair division of the South Central Railway with another division, having Bhubaneswar as its headquarters;

(b) if so, the steps taken to create Visakhapatnam as a Division or its merger with the South Central Railway; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?